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LaBeouf beat up in brawl

TMZ releases video of the actor being punched in the head by a shirtless man He is the second celebrity to be involved in an altercation on Granville Street in less than a month

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Transformers star Shia LaBeouf has been caught on tape getting beaten up outside a Granville Street bar on Friday, with footage showing the actor being hit in the head by a shirtless man.

The clip, released by TMZ yesterday, shows LaBeouf balled up on the pavement next to a taxi outside the Cinema Public House as a stocky man, identified as "Mike" on the video, punches him in the head several times.

The 25-year-old actor tries to chase after his assailant, but a bearded man — who appears to be one of LaBeouf's friends — restrains the visibly agitated star and tells him to stop.

"You better lay low," LaBeouf is warned. "You better lay low right now."

TMZ.COM

▶ A screen grab from TMZ.com shows the scuffle.

Two of LaBeouf's acquaintances spend the next few minutes calming him down.

According to TMZ it's unclear what provoked the attack, but the incident between LaBeouf and the shirtless man started inside the bar, and both were kicked out by security.

LaBeouf was reportedly a regular at the Cinema Public House while in town filming The Company You Keep. The film is directed by Robert Redford and co-stars Stanley Tucci and Anna Kendrick.

The Donnelly Group, which operates Cinema Public House, was contacted but declined to comment.

Vancouver police said no incidents involving a fight in the area were reported to them at the time.

This is the second time a Hollywood celebrity has gotten involved in an altercation on the Granville strip.

The New Guy star DJ Qualls demanded an apology from the Vancouver Police Department and medical compensation after he was allegedly assaulted by an officer outside a café on Sept. 24.

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▶ Actor Shia LaBeouf takes a snapshot with a fan as he attends the Transformers 3 European premiere on June 25 in Berlin.

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Father not shocked by other alleged murders

Doug Leslie writes to his daughter Loren on his blog as if she's just away for the weekend.

"Loren, lots happening sweetie, we are working on scholarships," he wrote earlier this month. "I am very proud of you sweetie, but I miss you bad and love you lots. Love Dad."

While the reality of his 15-year-old daughter's murder has been difficult to absorb since her death last November, Leslie said he wasn't really surprised that the man accused in Loren's death now faces three more first-degree-murder charges.

Leslie, 58, was told by police that two bodies had been flown to Pennsylvania to be examined by a forensic expert, including his daughter's. He said he assumed there might be a connection between those deaths.

"That was in my mind, but it wasn't something that I really thought about. Then the rest didn't really surprise me. If there are two there could be 10," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Fort Fraser, B.C.

Cody Legebokoff, 21, has been charged with killing four women. Besides Loren, Legebokoff is charged with killing three Prince George women. Jill Stuchenko, 35, was the first to vanish in October 2009, while Cynthia Mass and Natasha Montgomery were reported missing on the same day in September last year.

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▶ Brother-duo Monsters of Schlock clip clothes pegs to their faces — one of the tamer acts featured in their comedy freak show at Fright Nights at Playland.

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Farm familiar to sex workers

Majority of sex workers questioned have been to or knew someone who went to Pickton's farm ◐ Displacement places women at risk: Researcher

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Robert Pickton's infamous Port Coquitlam farm was well known in the Downtown Eastside, the Missing Women Inquiry heard yesterday.

Dr. Kate Shannon, director of Gender and Sexual Health Initiative at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, told the inquiry about a research study she led between 2005-2008 that interviewed 255 female street-level sex-trade workers.

As part of the MAKA project, Shannon's team found that 23 of the women questioned had been to Pickton's farm, and 73 per cent of respondents personally knew someone who had visited the convicted serial killer's property.

The questionnaire was conducted as Pickton's trial on six counts of first-degree murder was underway in New Westminster.

The main focus of the study was the health and safety risks faced by outdoor sex trade workers in Vancouver, the majority of whom work and live in the Downtown Eastside.

Shannon shared her belief that aggressive police enforcement of the neighbourhood actually placed women at more risk.

"It resulted in this enforced displacement," she said.

"The unintended consequence of this displacement is that they're now working in much more isolated places, and away from health and support services."

Last week, Simon Fraser University criminologist Dr. John Lowman testified that sex-trade workers are easy targets for predators like Pickton when they're pushed into dark, isolated industrial areas out of public sight.

The inquiry continues.

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Hydro says it's on track with smart meters

BC Hydro expressed high hopes for the future of its smart-meter program yesterday, saying it aims to install 1.8 million devices by the end of next year and that it could save as much as $1.6-billion in avoided costs over the next two decades.

Since the program's introduction in September, the company has installed 250,000 smart meters in homes and businesses across the province, announced BC Hydro's vice-president of transmission and distribution, Greg Reimer, at the ninth annual Power Smart forum yesterday.

Despite BC Hydro's assertions that meters will save customers energy, some members of the public are still opposed.

One group in particular, the Coalition to Stop Smart Meters, is demanding that the devices be recalled and that the former meters be reinstated.

"There is nothing here for us; (all the benefits) are for corporations.... We're not getting a choice," said Sharon Noble, the coalition's director.

KENDRA WONG

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Times Colonist, local papers sold

The Victoria Times Colonist and a slew of Lower Mainland community newspapers are among the assets sold to Glacier Media Inc.

The $86.5-million deal, announced yesterday, saw Glacier buy the Times Colonist, community newspapers, digital media assets and certain real estate assets from Postmedia Network Inc.

The Lower Mainland papers include the North Shore News, Vancouver Courier, Burnaby Now, New Westminster Record/Royal City Record, Richmond News, Delta Optimist, Surrey Now, Coquitlam Now, Maple Ridge Times, Langley Advance, Abbotsford Mission Time and the Chilliwack Times.

The transaction is expected to close on or about Nov. 30.

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Steve Nash, BC Hydro launch iPhone app

Steve Nash, twice the NBA's most valuable player, has teamed up with BC Hydro's Power Smart to launch a new iPhone app.

The Pocket Waste-Buster, available free through the iPhone app store, features a series of humorous videos of Nash as an aviator-shades-wearing, moustache-sporting energy-waste detective. It also shows battery life and gives an estimate on how long it will take to recharge the phone. METRO

BC PAVCO workers issue strike notice

The B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union has issued a 72-hour strike notice to the B.C. Pavilion Corporation after several failed attempts to reach a collective agreement.

Even with a mediator to oversee discussions, which centred on job security, the two parties failed to reach an agreement.

Their collective agreement expired at the end of May 2011, and the strike could begin as early as Friday. KENDRA WONG

Ex-president should be arrested, activists say

Groups plan rally outside Bush's speech at Surrey Regional Economic Summit tomorrow Letter sent to attorney general of Canada

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▶ Former president George W. Bush speaks at the Summit to Save Lives on Sept. 13 in Washington, D.C.

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Several human-rights groups are calling for the arrest of George W. Bush during his upcoming visit to Surrey tomorrow.

Lawyers Against War, the Canadian Centre for International Justice, and the Centre for Constitutional Rights have sent a letter to the attorney general of Canada urging him to open a criminal investigation against the former U.S. president for his administration's alleged use of torture on detainees.

According to Gail Davidson, the spokesperson for Lawyers Against War, an international group of lawyers tasked with protecting human rights, Bush's public acknowledgment of torture require that he be arrested and prosecuted under the Criminal Code.

"The law requires that people suspected of torture should be punished despite where (the torture) occurred and whoever it is against," she said.

She further noted it is the responsibility of the federal government to uphold the law and to ensure that "powerful people won't have impunity for committing international crimes."

In February, human-rights groups in Switzerland also attempted to have Bush arrested on similar grounds, which resulted in a last-minute cancellation of his appearance.

Davidson admits she does not believe Bush will cancel his appearance at the Surrey Regional Economic Summit; nor does she believe police will arrest him.

Amnesty International members are planning to rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery tomorrow morning before taking transit to Surrey to protest outside the summit.

Businesses unaffected by Occupy Vancouver protest

Occupy Vancouver entered its fourth day of demonstrations outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday and downtown businesses are none the worse.

"Frankly, the impact has been quite minimal," said Charles Gauthier, executive director of Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association.

"Few businesses reported on Saturday that sales were a little bit off, but others reported that their sales were up, especially restaurant and coffee shops."

Going into last weekend, Gauthier was worried that Occupy protests would ward off shoppers to small businesses, which make up 90 per cent of businesses downtown.

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▶ Protesters' tents outside the Vancouver Art Gallery.

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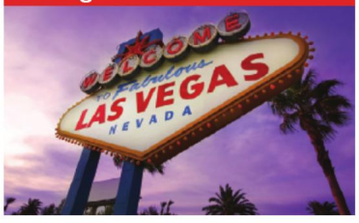

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Sparks fly over crime bill

One expert after another is warning the federal government that its massive crime bill will do more harm than good, costing taxpayers dearly for a punitive system that will only serve to make the streets more dangerous.

But Conservative MPs are questioning the credibility of those experts, suggesting they are advocating for criminals or are too detached from the real world to offer solid advice.

"We believe the substance of this legislation both to be self-defeating and counterproductive, if the goal is to enhance public safety," Eric Gottardi, vice-chair of the Canadian Bar Association's national criminal justice section, said yesterday.

"It represents a profound shift in orientation from a system that emphasizes public safety ... rehabilitation and reintegration to one that puts vengeance first."

The package fulfils a key Conservative election promise to bring forward failed or languishing anti-crime legislation from previous parliaments within 100 days of the new government.

Yesterday was the first full session of hearings from witnesses, establishing an uncomfortable tone.

The measures aim to toughen penalties for drug traffickers, child-sex crimes and violent young offenders. The bill would also make pardons more difficult to obtain.

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Massive package

- The omnibus bill merges nine previous pieces of legislation and adds new elements, tying them into a massive package that critics say is an "incoherent" attempt to crack down on dangerous criminals.

Occupy. Tundra

▶ In this Oct. 9, photo, Diane McEachern sits with her dogs, Mr. Snickers, left, Seabiscuit, and Ruffian, right, on the tundra near Bethel, Alaska.

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Protest picture a big hit

Diane McEachern participated in the Occupy Wall Street protests out on the tundra. Her photo was posted on the Occupy Wall Street Facebook page and has since been shared thousands of times.

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Space really is the final frontier — for tourists at least.

If you're forced to stifle yawns at the prospect of yet another visit to the all-inclusive Budget Paradise Cancun, wake up! In the next five years, according to delegates to this week's National Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight, outfits such as Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, and XCOR Aerospace will routinely offer space flights of fancy.

While early space tourism is not exactly going where no one has gone before — it will feature the kind of sub-space trips flown by the Mercury pioneer astronauts in the '60s — it's still a far cry from Sandals. The view is to die for, and you get to experience weightlessness for five whole minutes. Bite me, gravity.

This is not science fiction: It's going to happen. Virgin Galactic has already glide-tested the VSS Enterprise, and the six-passenger ship will undergo rocket-powered tests next year. Meanwhile, 450 people have put down $20,000 deposits on the $200,000 fare Virgin Galactic will charge when it finally gets off the ground. AXCOR's two-seater Lynx will be a little cheaper: $95,000 for a round trip.

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There's no word how many frequent-flyer points will be required, but rumour has it they'll start with a zillion and work up from there. Blackouts will be routine — and that's once you're on the flight. The entire experience will take only two and a half hours, but for space geeks the memories will last a lifetime … if they survive re-entry.

Virgin is even building a spaceport in the New Mexico desert, which is appropriate, considering that nearby Roswell is the world HQ for alien encounters.

The $209-million Spaceport America was christened a couple of days ago by Branson himself, who climbed down the side, quaffing champagne. Let's get this party started.

For those of you who think it's a waste of money and carbon and would rather go to Tuscany, I understand.

For $200K, you could spend the entire growing season in a luxury Tuscan villa, where it's warmer and sunnier than space, where the average temperature is three degrees above absolute zero. Well, at least it's not absolute zero.

The view in Tuscany is also pretty good, but on a clear day in space, you can see everywhere.

So far, I haven't been able to convince my wife to deposit 20 grand on the VSS Enterprise. She's up for a cruise but was thinking Alaska or the Caribbean.

I guess some people do not want to boldly go where no one has gone before, unless it has room service.

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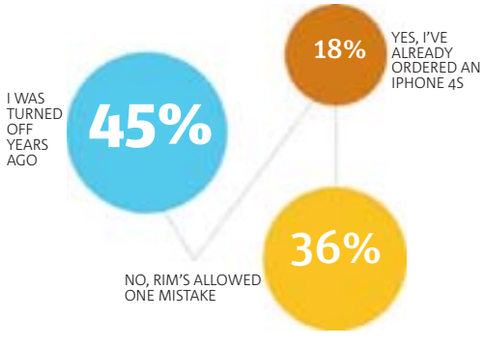
Did the outage turn you off of BlackBerry smartphones?



Local tweets

- **@michaelgeller:** Had an interesting chat with young lady at VAG camp. Why are you here I asked. "En route to Mexico and saw people camping so I joined 'em"
- **@patersonjeff:** #Canucks have already showed their players the Rypien tribute video that'll be played tonight to help them deal with emotions
- **@TMZ:** Video of Shia LaBeouf getting his ass kicked on a Vancouver sidewalk: bit.ly/nnT2u0
- **@Jenni_Marie01:** Shia LaBeouf got beat up?? In Vancouver nonetheless? Wow. Everywhere that kid goes, he encounters trouble. He needs a warning label on him.
- **@krisztov:** #ShiaLaBouef pummelled by fan in #vancouver Fan allegedly shouted "This is for Indiana Jones 4 and Transformers 2 & 3!!" #haha!
- **@DaFranchize412:** Shia LaBeouf got his ass beat lol....vancouver must still be upset over that stanley cup loss
- **@casetines:** Shia LaBeouf in a bar fight last night. People are questioning every Indiana Jones fan in Vancouver.

Letters

There is a federal review of all spending by all government departments underway. All departments have been told to look at their budgets with a view to cutting five per cent or 10 per cent (both are an option) from their operations and programming budgets. This type of review is needed in these tumultuous financial times, but unfortunately it also includes Veterans Affairs Canada.

We will battle with all we have to prevent any programs or operations that will have the direct effect of our veterans' benefits being cut. Veterans — serving or retired; regular, reserve or RCMP — should always be given the thanks of the country that put them in harm's way. There is a way to show that thanks — and that is by not cutting any benefits that have accrued to them in the past because of this review.

President Barack Obama has stated that American veterans' programs would be exempt from the U.S. program review and that the U.S. would not live off the backs of the American veteran.

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photo of the day

▶ This photo titled FUN At The Park! was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by stevetroletti.com from Montreal.

Metro invites its readers to join the Metro Global Photo Challenge — running in 100 cities on four continents — to win fantastic prizes and worldwide recognition. Enter your digital photos at metrophotochallenge.com. The contest runs until Nov. 22. As well as a chance to win a trip to any city Metro publishes, one submission will also be featured here daily.

WEIRD NEWS

PhDs can only be explained by interpretive dance

So you think you can dance, Einstein?

Two Canadian scientists are among 16 finalists in this year's edition of a growing international competition that uses PhD theses as inspiration for dance videos.

"The goal of the contest is to be able to portray your research in a way that's fun to watch and that's easy to understand," said Erin McConnell, a Carleton University biochemist. Her thesis DNA Aptamers as a Tool for Studying Mental Health Disease is surprisingly well-expressed using of hip-hop, ballet and Highland fling.

The annual Dance Your Thesis contest attempts to use dance to bridge the gap between science and the public — and lets scientists blow off a little steam after too many hours in the lab.

Creator John Bohanon said it all began as a way to liven up a New Year's Eve party. "I wanted it to be a dance party, but scientists are like everyone — you either need a lot of alcohol or a bizarre party theme to lighten the mood," he said. "I figured it would be really fun to have everyone compete by explaining their PhD research in dance form." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BBX is wave of future: RIM

New operating system will help company take on Apple, co-CEO says

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▶ Mike Lazaridis, co-CEO of Research in Motion, speaks at the BlackBerry DevCon Americas conference yesterday in San Francisco.

Research In Motion's new mobile operating system will power its next-generation BlackBerry smartphones and PlayBook tablets to better compete with Internet-friendly Apple and Android devices.

Yesterday's announcement by co-CEO Mike Lazaridis comes just days after RIM had the worst service outage in its history. The company is trying to reposition its wireless devices as market leaders.

"Today, I'm pleased to announce our next-generation platform, BBX," Lazaridis said at RIM's software developer conference in San Francisco.

The BBX platform is based on the system that is already in the PlayBook tablet but has been expanded, Lazaridis said.

RIM is expected to launch new BlackBerrys with the more powerful BBX system early next year. They are expected to be even more like mobile computers.

Lazaridis reiterated that RIM won't ditch its PlayBook, which has been languishing on store shelves and sold fewer than one million units since its debut in April.

"We're absolutely committed to the BlackBerry PlayBook," he said.

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Decline and fall

- **RIM, based in Waterloo,** Ont., once claimed a market value of about $70 billion and has, from time to time, been Canada's most valuable company.
- **RIM shares have been** held by millions of Canadians in their pensions, mutual funds or other investments.
- **It now has a market value** of about $12 billion and shareholders have complained about its lagging stock price and corporate leadership.

Economy be darned, we're going on holiday!

Canadians are still planning fall and winter vacations despite uncertainty about the economy, a Bank of Montreal survey says. It found 61 per cent of Canadians say they will take a fall or winter holiday. About 20 per cent say they will travel outside Canada.

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Wheat board mulls action against Ottawa

The federal government could face a challenge to its plan to strip the Canadian Wheat Board of its monopoly on western wheat and barley sales in time for the next crop year.

Board chairman Allan Oberg says he is meeting agency directors next week to look at legal options.

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HOUSING MARKET STRUGGLING

American builders adjust outlook

U.S. homebuilders are less pessimistic about the housing market, but not enough to signal a recovery any time soon. The National Association of Home Builders said yesterday that its index of builder sentiment this month rose to 18 from 14. Any reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the market.

Last year, the number of Americans who bought new homes fell to its lowest level in nearly 50 years. Sales this year have not fared much better, as builders struggle to compete with foreclosures, which have made the price of resale homes more competitive.

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Greece. Debt crisis

▶ Mounds of rotting garbage line the port of Piraeus, near Athens. Greece ordered garbage collectors back to work yesterday as a campaign of strikes escalated against tough austerity measures to be voted on this week.

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Greek garbage workers strike back

Market moment

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Nova Scotia Nominee Program, Economic Stream Refund

If you paid fees to the Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, **you might be able to get some money back from the Province of Nova Scotia**. Read this to find out more.

What is this about?

A lawsuit was started against the Province of Nova Scotia in 2009. The goal was to get a refund for people who applied for and paid fees into the former Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has now certified that lawsuit as a class action. Your legal rights may be affected. The lawyers for both sides have made a deal that would give a refund to eligible people. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia approved the settlement as fair and reasonable.

Am I included?

You are if you (1) paid money to Nova Scotia under the Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, (2) landed and obtained permanent resident status in Canada, and (3) did not already get a refund. As long as you told the truth in your application and immigration filings, you should be eligible for a refund.

What does this mean for me?

If you are a Class Member, your legal rights are affected. You will benefit from any settlement, but you must give up your right to sue the Government of Nova Scotia on your own.

How much will I get?

If you were not paid anything under a business mentorship, you will get $63,750 back if your claim is approved ($75,000 less an approved 15% fee of $11,250). If you were paid under a business mentorship, the amount you were paid will be deducted from $75,000. The 15% fee will be taken from the net amount.

Do I have to pay anything out of my own pocket?

No. The lawyers' fees have already been accounted for in the amount set out above. You will not be billed. The Supreme Court approved the lawyers' fee as fair and reasonable

How do I get my money?

You have to fill in a Claim Form. A copy of the Claim Form can be found at *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*. You must mail, fax, or email in the form by **May 4, 2012.**

What if I do not want to take part?

If you do not want to take part, you have to opt out. If you opt out, you will not get any benefit from the settlement. You will have to sue the Government of Nova Scotia on your own if you wish to recover anything. To opt out, go to *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*, download the opt out form, and submit it to the address listed. If you want to opt out, you must do so before **Jan. 5 2012.**

What if too many people opt out?

If more than 50 people opt out, the Province has the right to cancel the settlement. Neither the Province nor the lawyer for the class expect this to occur however.

I have other questions.

For more information, visit *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*. If you still have questions, just contact the lawyer appointed by the court to act for the class, Greg McMullen at Branch MacMaster LLP, at *gmcmullen@branmac.com* or *604-631-2560*.

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Another makeover for the Musketeers

A hilarious look at the reincarnations of our three favourite swashbucklers through the years

Scene in brief

Glee star Cory Monteith has been named grand marshal of the Grey Cup festival parade. Monteith grew up in Victoria and moved to Vancouver as a teen to try his hand at acting. In a statement, Monteith said he is honoured to serve as grand marshal of the parade, adding that it's a thrilling excuse to come home. The parade is set for Nov. 26.
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New Jersey's Monmouth University to be new home for Bruce Springsteen collection

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What do beloved hoofer Gene Kelly and post-millennial wild man Charlie Sheen have in common? The Hollywood stars both were "all for one, one for all" in a Three Musketeers movie.

Kelly was the heroic D'Artagnan in the 1948 version of the Alexandre Dumas story, while Sheen was — unsurprisingly — the arrogant womanizer Aramis in 1993.

The swashbuckling exploits of D'Artagnan and his three friends first appeared in print in 1844. Sixty years later a French film detailed their exploits for the first time.

Since then they have swashbuckled though an all-girl version called Barbie and the Three Musketeers, an old west adaptation starring John Wayne and bow wowed in an all canine edition called Dogtanian and the Three Muskethounds.

This weekend the all-new Three Musketeers brings their swashbuckling style to the big screen for the 30th time in the last century.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Logan Lerman, left, Luke Evans, Ray Stevenson and Matthew Macfadyen star in The Three Musketeers 3D.

The Gene Kelly Three Musketeers is probably the most accurate adaptation from page to stage, but the most entertaining — and star studded — has to be The Three Musketeers: The Queen's Diamonds.

The 1973-era movie is bawdy, outrageous and action packed, with lavish set design and an even more lavish cast, including Michael York, Oliver Reed, Charlton Heston, Christopher Lee, Raquel Welch and Faye Dunaway.

Highlights include a chess game played with trained dogs and monkeys and some of the best sword fighting this side of an Errol Flynn movie.

The Musketeer (2001) features plenty of swordplay, but amps up the action with crouching tiger choreography by martial arts master Xin Xin Xiong.

Starring Justin Chambers as D'Artagnan, the story will ruffle the giant feather plumes worn by Dumas purists but as an action movie — Roger Ebert wrote, "Occasionally the action is interrupted by dialogue scenes" — it is the most exciting of the recent Musketeers movies.

Occasionally the Musketeers have appeared as supporting characters.

In 1998's The Man in the Iron Mask, the aging D'Artagnan and his posse — played by Gabriel Byrne, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich and Gérard Depardieu — come out of retirement to rid France of an evil king, Louis XIV and replace him with his twin brother, both played by Leonardo Di Caprio.

Based on Dumas's novel Count of Bragelonne the story was also the basis for The Fifth Musketeer, a 1979 movie with the unlikely cast of Beau Bridges as Louis XIV and Alan Hale Jr. (best known as The Skipper from Gilligan's Island) as Musketeer Porthos.

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Under Biebs' Mistletoe

Justin first artist on Universal Music to have sales benefitting a charity

Justin Bieber is in the holiday spirit: The singer is the first artist on the Universal Music roster to have part of his album sales benefit charity.

Partial sales from Under the Mistletoe, his Christmas album that is out Nov. 1, will go to various charities, including Pencils of Promise and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Universal never actually allowed money from the album to go to charity, so it's kind of a unique thing and I'm very happy and proud of what we've done," the 17-year-old said in an interview from Lima, Peru, on Monday.

Bieber said he isn't sure how much of the sales will go to charity, but thanks his team for helping him achieve his goal of wanting to help others during the holiday season and says it has been a team effort.

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▶ Demi Moore

Demi Moore puts on brave face for rumours

Wears her wedding ring in her first public appearance

Making her first appearance since reports of Ashton Kutcher's infidelity went public, Demi Moore walked the red carpet at the New York premiere of her new film, Margin Call, this week, according to Us Weekly.

The actress, who showed up solo but wore her wedding ring, put on a "stoic smile," according to onlookers.

"Everyone was remarking how thin Demi was, more so than usual," a source says. "She seemed in a decent mood though, even a little happy to be there."

Infidelity rumours have plagued the couple for months with much of the blame landing at the feet of Kutcher.

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Out of this world

Sedona, Ariz., has long been associated with spiritual and paranormal activity
But this quirky locale offers visitors plenty to do — just watch out for little green men

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They say there's some magic in those beautiful red rock formations in mystic Sedona, Ariz., and who am I to argue?

Truth is, it's pretty hard to find any place on earth more beautiful than this strange oasis tucked in the middle of the desert. I had heard stories of this spiritual mecca being a sacred place for Aboriginals for thousands of years, and soon after arriving I could see why.

Sedona is just somehow different, and almost surreal compared to the endless flat desert surrounding it. Many visitors have reported countless spiritual and paranormal experiences, and the UFO sightings continue to pour in every year.

In fact, Sedona is considered a major power centre, right up there with Stone Henge and the Pyramids, and I have to admit, I felt a certain surge in my aura while strolling among those amazing rocks.

It may have been the wine and burritos from the night before, but I swear many of Sedona's massive rock formations looked almost intricately carved by someone or something.

Maybe it was the aliens.

Cathedral Rock and Bell Rock are two of the most popular attractions in the area. Bell Rock is considered by some to be a portal to other dimensions.

I could almost envision the mother ship waiting for me, beckoning me ... or not.

Whether you happen to believe in the super natural or find it all hogwash, Sedona is well worth the pilgrimage. I found myself a tad awestruck, almost hypnotized at the unique beauty all around.

The surrounding community has a very laid back, almost spaced out (pardon the pun) feel to it.

There's plenty of hidden canyons and trails for hiking and mountain biking, and many show up to enjoy a day of "birding," apparently the cool Sedona way of bird watching.

Because its elevation is more than 1,300 metres, there are a unique variety of feathered friends to watch year round.

Although they have little in common, Sedona does share one feature with its polar opposite, Las Vegas.

In recent years, many couples flocking to the magic rocks for quickie, but spiritual weddings.

There is a lot to love in this magical little oasis ... just watch out for little green men!

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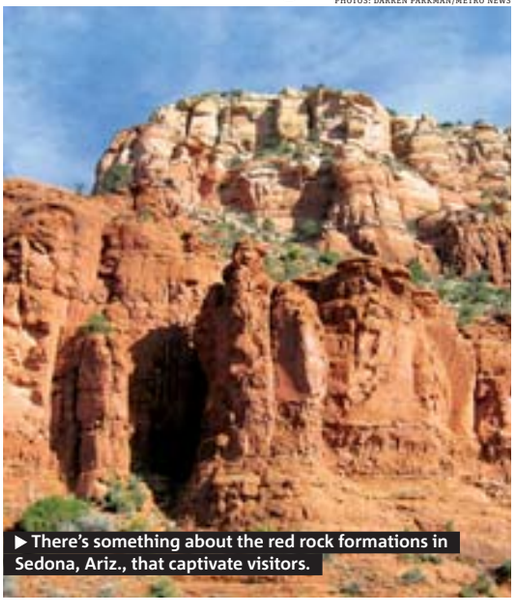

▶ There's something about the red rock formations in Sedona, Ariz., that captivate visitors.

▶ The surrounding community of Sedona has a very laid-back feel to it.

Other cool things to do

Star Gazing: Evening Star tours offer a personalized guided tour of the heavens. Because the area is so dark, you'll be treated to a heavenly light show that isn't seen from cities.

Golf and Tennis: The area features several championship courses in the area, and local resorts feature year-round tennis in the desert sun.

3 life

Travel in brief

British billionaire Richard Branson was in Sierra County in southern New Mexico on Monday to get the keys to Spaceport America, the newly completed terminal and hangar facility where his Virgin Galactic will begin its commercial space tourism venture from this remote patch of desert. The building will house Virgin Galactic's spacecraft, mission control and a preparation area for space tourists.

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Going Solo

Travelling alone offers a unique perspective for women
But common sense and safety are important

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For women, solo travel can be an eye-opening experience. People will invite you to an activity, or offer tips on a hidden gem not listed in the guidebook.

But it can also carry some risks.

"I find that if I am travelling alone, it is much easier to meet the locals," said Betty Thesky, 46, a flight attendant who has been to more than 30 countries, and whose first solo trip was to Jordan and Israel.

Thesky says that "you are more approachable when you are by yourself, and people assume that if you're alone, you would appreciate company."

Angie Orth, 29, who left her job as a New York public relations executive to travel the world for a year, said travelling solo allows her to be selfish with her time, money and itinerary.

"You can do whatever you want. If you want to sit in a cafe and drink coffee and be on Facebook all day, you can."

Meeting others

Thesky said she finds there's an unwritten rule among solo travellers that asking another traveller to dinner or drinks in a new country does not automatically constitute a date.

"Once you start to realize how friendly people can be, it gets much easier to approach them," Thesky said.

Elinor Warkentin, 52, of Vancouver, says female solo travellers should consider joining an organization like Women Welcome Women World Wide. The group connects female travellers with women living in the country they are visiting.

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There's an unwritten rule among travellers that asking a fellow traveller to dinner or drinks does not necessarily constitute a date.

Safety First

One of the downsides of being alone is that you can't trust everyone you meet.

"You just have to be a little more careful when you're on your own," says Orth. Orth, who is single, says she tells people that she's in a relationship as a way to set a clear boundary from the start.

Safety is also an important consideration for Warkentin.

After being robbed of her camera at knifepoint while travelling alone in Chile in 1992, she downsized her camera and routinely uses windows or other reflective surfaces to see who's behind her.

She also always maps out in advance how to reach her first hotel upon arrival in a new country, and leaves expensive jewelry at home while trying to blend in to the local culture.

She recommends a bus tour the first day in a new place too, as a way to get oriented.

Where to stay

Thesky recommends hostels and budget hotels for single travellers because they often have common areas where people can meet. The website Couchsurfing.com, connects travellers to hosts with free informal lodging.

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Drink of the week

Corpse Reviver

With Halloween less than two weeks away, it's time to start preparing for those scary parties. This drink for the big kids will get anyone in the mood.

- 30 ml (1 oz) gin
- 30 ml (1 oz) Lillet (blanc)
- 30 ml (1 oz) triple sec
- Juice of half a lemon
- 5 drops of absinthe
- 1 thin slice orange

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine gin, Lillet, triple sec, lemon juice and absinthe. Strain into a martini glass, then garnish with orange slice.

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Let the foodie battle begin

Recipe to Riches sees 21 home cooks go toe-to-toe ◗ Try a dish from one of the competitors

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▶ This recipe makes 12 servings.

Brad Gash from Gatineau, Que., isn't the typical food competition contender. However, the avid outdoorsmans and civil servant is getting a chance to possibly see his signature dish in stores across Canada, thanks to the Food Network's Recipe to Riches.

The show sees 21 finalists compete in seven categories, ranging from appetizers to entrées and desserts. The winners of each category stand to receive a $25,000 cash prize and see their recipe developed into a President's Choice product.

The best part? Each week, Canadians have the chance to sample category winners' products in-store. Once category winners are determined, a $250,000 prize is up for grabs.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 400°F (200°C). In saucepan, bring cream and maple syrup to boil over medium heat. Pour into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) glass baking dish.
2. In bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
3. In stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat butter with sugar until light. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in milk and vanilla. Beat in flour mixture just until combined. Using ice cream scoop or two large spoons, scoop 12 mounds of batter into hot syrup in baking dish.
4. Bake in centre of oven for 40 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch.

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Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 2 cups (500 mL) maple syrup
- 3-1/3 cups (825 mL) all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) salt
- 1 cup (250 mL) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) packed brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) milk
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla

Watch for...

- **Mijune Pak** Surrey, B.C. Making: Canadian Pie-in-a-Jar
- **Melaney Gleeson-Lyall** Burnaby, B.C. Making: Hazelnut Pie
- **Dnna Feir** Vancouver. Making: Pancake Breakfast Cookie
- **Sonya Walos** Whistler, B.C. Making: Gluten-Free Cookie
- **Mark Tagulao** Burnaby, B.C. Making: Teapolitan Ice Cream
- **Audrey Tannant** Vancouver. Making: S'mores Frozen Treat
- **Eva Fong** Burnaby, B.C. Making: Lobster Mac & Cheese
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These "egg balls" with mushrooms make a great dinner appetizer

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- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 50g grated Parmesan
- 50g Panko breadcrumbs, plus extra for rolling
- 1/4 cup chopped plain parsley
- 1/2 cup finely diced fresh mushrooms
- Pinch sea salt
- Ground black pepper
- Olive oil for frying
- One jar (about 700mls) of your favourite pasta sauce

Preparation:

1. Beat eggs and baking soda with a whisk. Slowly add cheese, breadcrumbs, parsley and mushrooms to egg mix. Season with sea salt and pepper and fold gently until all ingredients combined.
2. Using teaspoon, form balls of mix, then roll in extra Panko crumbs.
3. Heat oil in pan, add egg balls 3 at a time and fry over medium heat until golden brown all round. Drain on a paper towel and continue until all balls are fried up.
4. Heat pasta sauce over medium heat and add balls when sauce is bubbling. Turn heat down to low and partially cover saucepan. Continue to heat for 7 minutes — balls will be warm through and will have absorbed some of the sauce. Serve topped with fresh basil.

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▶ This recipe makes 10 servings.

Silence not golden for us job-seekers

STUDENT VOICE

NICOLE ABI-NAJEM
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I graduated with a degree in Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University in the spring of this past year. In my final semester, I landed a coveted internship at the Late Show with David Letterman in New York City. I returned to Toronto starry-eyed and sure that my resumé would magnetize employers. Months of unemployment later, I'm frustrated and left wondering what went wrong.

My job search began mid-way through my internship at the Late Show, creating a cushion of time to face rejection and find opportunity. I sent out my resumé and cover letter to countless companies across Toronto. I made phone calls and waited.

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▶ Nicole Abi-Najem

My efforts and strategies varied, but the response remained the same: silence. The lack of response was something I attributed to geographical distance. Upon arriving to Toronto, I intensified my search with a broadening focus on creating an online and personal presence. I made daily phone calls with detailed messages, sent hard copies of my resumé, provided links to my projects and networked.

The most irritating aspect of the career search is not rejection, but a sheer lack of response. A silent frustration settles, because my efforts have not met with the validation of a yes or no. My exasperation over simply hearing back overshadows the job hunt.

Record high unemployment for recent graduates has created desperation and a scramble for the few entry-level offerings available. Employers are inundated with hundreds of resumés that leave them incapable of giving each applicant adequate attention.

Employers should reward our efforts with their time. There is an understandable gap in the ratio of applications and responses. It's easy to screen resumés for key words and to rely on technology to select appropriate applicants and, especially in entry-level positions, far too convenient to select those who simply know the right people. If you notice someone making the effort to contact you personally, consider their enthusiasm and dedication as a skill that will translate well in your company and an effort that should at least merit a conversation. Give them advice and take the time to listen.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Nicole's experience.

- Get to know professionals in your dream industry and ask to chat before asking for a job.
- Use your network to meet employers and keep in touch with them once you do.

Where Nicole is now

I am currently working at Indigo as a Customer Experience Representative. I am also applying to graduate schools to help me find a specific focus in which to concentrate my skills and passion. I have decided to apply for either a master's of journalism or to teacher's college.

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WORKPLACE LAW

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Are you dreaming of becoming the next senior executive of your company? Are those dreams based on assurances of more money, seniority and status? If so then read on as this is the story of one employee who recently learned that employment promises must clearly be put into writing, otherwise it is as if they were never made at all.

Thomas McNeely was a "big deal" employee working as a senior executive for a weight loss company, Herbal Magic, when a group of investors came together in a bid to purchase the company. McNeely, a sophisticated business person, was actively involved in the negotiations leading to the acquisition of the company and maintained his interest in becoming its next president and CEO. However, he was reluctant to invest his own money in the deal.

To persuade him to put up his own capital, McNeely was assured by the other investors that he would be a long-term senior employee of the new company and a member of its board of directors. However, this was not put into writing. Instead, McNeely negotiated an employment contract containing an "entire agreement" clause, which is a contractual term prohibiting parties to the contract from relying on any oral promises not written into the contract itself.

After the acquisition, McNeely was named president and CEO, but only for seven months, until he was fired and removed from the board of directors. Since McNeely was unable to withdraw his financial investment in the company, he sued, claiming that the promises made to him constituted an agreement apart from the contract he signed.

At a recent court hearing, the judge concluded that the clause in McNeely's contract prevented him from relying on any promises or agreements not contained within the contract, despite the fact that the defendant did not deny making those statements.

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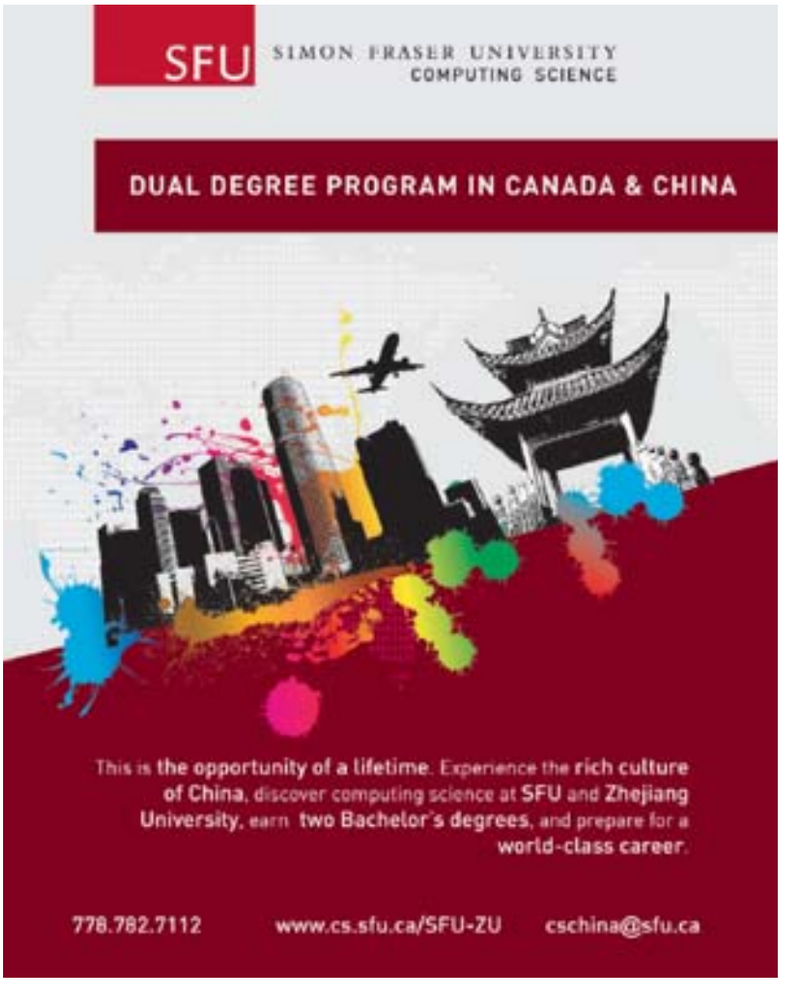
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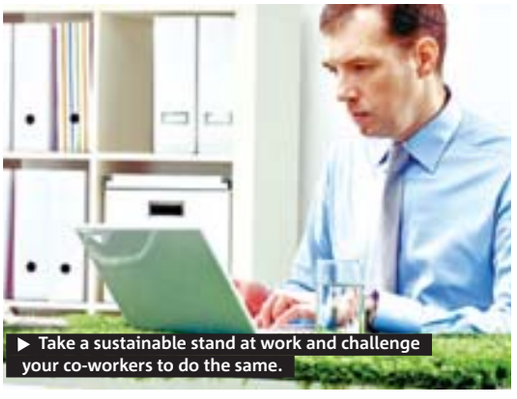


▶ Take a sustainable stand at work and challenge your co-workers to do the same.

At home, most of us wouldn't think about leaving the air-conditioner on full blast while leaving town for a couple days.

Or tossing a luncheon's worth of plastic bottles directly in the trash.

Or using individually packaged creamers for another cup of coffee from a massive pot we'll never finish.

And yet in the office, these are common practices even among those who consider themselves environmentally friendly.

In their new book, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Greening Your Business, co-authors Trish Riley and Heather Gadonniex look at companies' most wasteful policies, as well as practical solutions — of which, Riley points out, there are many.

"Solutions are happening just as fast as the problems are — and people don't realize that, they think we're just sunk," she says.

"And sure, we're not going to save the planet unless big businesses get on board, but what's cool is that big businesses are getting on board. They're doing these things to meet consumer needs — because they know this is what we want."

One of the companies profiled in the book, Clif Bar, goes far beyond the usual recycling bins, offering incentives for employees who drive hybrid cars and take public transportation to work in addition to offering flexible telecommuting options to further reduce fuel usage. While these perks end up costing an employer a little extra, they contribute to something almost priceless: The perception that they care.

"Money talks," admits Riley. "But when they show their customers that money is not the most important thing, that they care about our environment and the future of it, that goes a long way — especially with consumers with children."

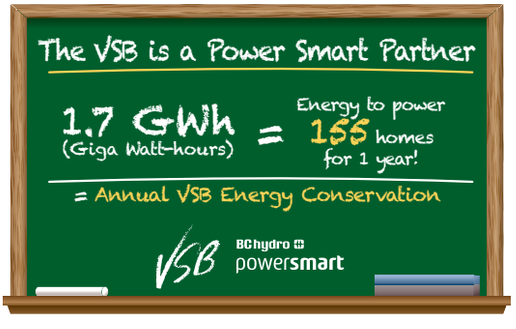
What can you do?

Riley's recommendations for a greener office:

1. Don't simply turn off your computer at night — unplug it. The machines use a small amount of "phantom energy" when plugged in, hence the subtle glow and eerie hum of a room full of computers that are seemingly off.

2. Establish an office compost bin in the kitchen in addition to the now-standard recycling bins.

3. Make sure lights are off and that heating and cooling systems are adjusted for hours when the office is empty.



SAVVY VACATIONERS NAB LAST-MINUTE TRAVEL DEALS

Vancouverites who want to have their cake and eat it too are responding to the impending "double-dip" recession by looking for ways to take a tropical vacation while still saving money.

Sean Rollinson, Marketing Manager of Vancouver-based Escapes.ca, says he's seeing increasing numbers of vacationers who are willing to take last-minute vacations if that means the trip cost will fit within their budgets.

"You can sometimes get unbelievable deals when you wait until a few days before your trip," said Rollinson. Escapes.ca specializes in getting these last-minute deals from trusted sources for its customers, he explained.

Cost-savvy vacationers are gravitating toward Escapes.ca's current Signature Vacations "Affordable Luxury" promotion, said Rollinson. The customer picks the destination, then two weeks before they depart they are assigned their accommodations from a pre-set list of hotels rated four stars or better. This system allows Escapes.ca customers to get very good deals.

Rollinson said he expects to see a surge in interest this year for Latin American destinations that are a little farther off the beaten path, like Escapes.ca's package trips to Santa Clara in Cuba and Huatulco in Mexico.

Of course the big Mexican destinations like Cancun and Riviera Maya will stay most popular, especially for those looking for an all-inclusive getaway complete with margaritas by the pool, said Rollinson, but he sees lesser known destinations also gaining popularity.

Huatulco, Mexico is a great example of a less popular destination vacationers should consider for its pristine, secluded beaches and more authentic feel, said Rollinson, who travelled there recently.

"Unlike other Mexican destinations that have become very commercialized, in Huatulco you won't find any sign of American fast food chains or retail shops ... yet."

Find out more about upcoming vacation and package deals at Escapes.ca. There are no booking fees and $1 from every booking goes to the World Wildlife Fund.

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Lundqvist locks the gates

Canucks denied first home win by New York netminder ◗ Rest of Rangers come alive in third period

Henrik Lundqvist made 40 saves as the New York Rangers stole a 4-0 victory from the Vancouver Canucks last night.

The Canucks outshot the Rangers 40-19 while holding them under 10 shots in the first two periods, but they had no solution for Lundqvist's stellar goaltending.

Mike Rupp, Ryan McDonagh and Brian Boyle — with their first goals of the season — and Marian Gaborik scored third-period goals for New York as the Rangers (1-1-2) posted their first win of the season. So far, they have played all of their games on the road while Madison Square Garden undergoes renovations.

It was the Rangers' first win in Vancouver since Oct. 11, 1997, when Wayne Gretzky registered his 50th career hat-trick in a 6-3 decision.

Vancouver (2-3-1) failed to convert on eight power-play chances while the Rangers were denied on three power plays.

Rupp scored the only goal the Rangers needed early in the third as he one-timed Michael Del Zotto's rebound home from a sharp angle.

Ryan Kesler returned to Vancouver's lineup after missing the first five games of the regular season and all of the pre-season while recovering from off-season hip surgery. Kesler's return resulted in Cody Hodgson moving to right wing on the second line that he had centred in the 2010-11 Selke Award winner's absence.

The Canucks outshot the Rangers 13-5 in the first period, but the Canucks could not beat Lundqvist.

After a largely harmless 40 minutes, the Rangers scored in bunches in the third period. Seven-and-a-half minutes after Rupp opened the scoring, McDonagh put New York ahead 2-0 beating Luongo with a shot from the slot after taking a feed from Brandon Dubinsky. Boyle added to New York's lead less than two minutes later as Luongo misplayed a harmless-looking shot.

After allowing the goals, Luongo was jeered while making saves. Gaborik closed out the scoring with 2:21 left in the game.

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▶ New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist makes a save with Ryan Kesler on his doorstep.

More sports

NBA LABOUR TALKS STRETCHED INTO THE WEE HOURS THIS MORNING AS PLAYERS AND OWNERS MET WITH A FEDERAL MEDIATOR, HOPING TO DELIVER THE PROGRESS COMMISSIONER DAVID STERN SAYS IS NEEDED TO AVOID CANCELLING MORE GAMES.

Rypien ceremony

The Vancouver Canucks paid tribute to Rick Rypien before last night's game with a video that honoured the former Canuck, who suffered from depression and committed suicide in the off-season.

▶ "He wouldn't like it," said defenceman Kevin Bieksa yesterday, a close friend who assisted Rypien while he was on leave from the Canucks in recent seasons. "He didn't like the spotlight. He didn't like people worrying about him and making a big deal about things."

▶ During the pre-game ceremony, Bieksa presented Rypien's game-worn jersey from their 40th anniversary celebration to Rypien's brother, Wes Rypien Jr. Bieksa received a long hug from Rypien's mother, Shelley Crawford, and also hugged Rypien's father, Wes Sr., stepmother, stepfather and Wes Jr.

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Leaf is no fancy golf cart

In fact, Nissan's electric offering is quite the car

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The Nissan Leaf is set to arrive in Canada this fall.

Let's get one thing straight: the Nissan Leaf electric car is a fine piece of engineering.

It achieves the objectives its planners set out for it, and functions very well as an automobile.

Canadian customers can go online and reserve their Leaf now, starting at $38,395, with first deliveries scheduled for later this fall.

The larger question is: does the Leaf — does any pure electric car — make any sense?

Or is the entire Leaf program a multi-billion dollar public relations exercise instituted by Nissan to counter the fact that arch-rival Toyota has captured the high ground on hybrids, whose practicality is at least as equally dubious?

The Leaf is built on what Nissan calls a dedicated platform, shared with other electric cars from the Nissan-Renault Alliance, although I'll bet you'd find similarities in some chassis and suspension components to other front-wheel drive Nissan compacts.

Leaf is officially classified as a mid-size car, having total interior space roughly equivalent to Nissan's Altima. It seats four comfortably, five in somewhat of a pinch.

Nissan Leaf facts

- **Motor:** 80 KW AC Synchronous electric motor.
- **Power/Torque:** 107 hp/ 207 lbs.-ft.
- **Competition:** Chevrolet Volt, Mitsubishi i-MiEV.
- **What's Best:** Quick acceleration; quiet inside and out; relaxing to drive; feels like a 'real' car, not a glorified golf cart.
- **What's Worst:** Range still not large enough to be practical, at least not as an 'only' car; message centre and Owners Manual together weren't sufficient to diagnose a no-start condition.

Power to the AC synchronous electric motor comes from a Lithium-Ion battery pack consisting of 48 four-cell modules nestled under the floor where it takes little space away from passengers and cargo.

Only when the 60/40 split rear seatbacks are folded does the high bulkhead between rear seat and trunk become obtrusive, preventing the loading of bulky objects.

Electric motors generate their maximum torque at zero r.p.m., which means the 107 horsepower 207 lb.-ft. unit launches the 1,525 kg Leaf away from rest at a satisfying rate.

Nissan won't quote a 0-100 km/h number, but various Internet sources suggest mid-seven seconds, which is very good.

There is no transmission as such in the Leaf; the motor winds up until it runs out of revs at around 140 km/h. Reverse simply runs the motor backwards.

If you choose the ECO mode, acceleration is considerably more leisurely; the payoff is longer range.

Nissan says Leaf is good for about 160 kilometres of normal driving. Lights, wipers, A/C, etc., will affect this; hard acceleration and high speeds dramatically so. A multi-screen display gives you the distances possible in either normal or ECO mode. It even draws concentric circles on the standard SatNav map to give you a clear indication of where you are and where you can get to. If you do have to call the Roadside Assistance number to get flat-bedded home, you can't say you weren't warned.

Electric motors are a lot quieter than internal combustion engines. The obvious advantage is a quiet ride; the loudest thing you'll hear apart from the sound system is the engine cooling fans up front.

Driving the Leaf is simplicity itself. Punch the On button, and when you get the green Ready light on the instrument panel, pull the shift lever left and back, hit the gas, and off you go.

A substantial portion of Leaf's braking effect is achieved by electric resistance as opposed to friction — the regenerative brakes convert kinetic energy back into electricity to re-charge the battery.

These are standard fare in electrics and hybrids; the trick usually is massaging brake feel as the system transitions from "regen" to friction and back again. Leaf does this as well — probably better — than any other such system I have tried. As I said at the start, the Leaf functions very well as a car. It fulfills Nissan's promise that it drives like a real car, not a fancy golf cart. It also is very relaxing to drive.

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Charging the Leaf

- A so-called "Level 3 DC Fast" installation can get it to 80 per cent charge in about 30 minutes. Problem: there are no Level 3 stations in Canada available to Leaf drivers at the moment, and only 20 in all of the United States.
- The Level 2 system involves fitting a 240 volt charging station into your garage at a cost of around $3,000. This will fill 'er up in about seven hours — essentially, overnight.
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SECOND GEAR

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Subaru has recently moved their popular Legacy sport sedan into its fifth generation for the 2010 model year — meaning the fourth-generation car has now transitioned fully into the used car marketplace.

For its last generation, Legacy was available in both sedan and wagon body styles.

Numerous special models were available, and feature content included heated leather seats, automatic climate control, a sunroof, remote access and more.

All-wheel drive was standard on all models.

2005 to 2009 Subaru Legacy

Engine

Available were a 2.5-litre four-cyinder boxer engine with 170 horsepower, a turbocharged version thereof making up to 250 horsepower, and a three-litre flat six.

What owners like

Legacy owners typically rate fuel mileage, handling and dynamics, responsiveness and interior build quality the most highly. All weather confidence thanks to the standard AWD system is also typically raved about, too.

What owners dislike

Legacy owners typically wish for more interior room, a more spacious rear seat, and more performance from the standard engine. Some owners report heavy fuel consumption from the turbocharged engine, too.

Common issues

Look for rust on the used Legacy's trunk lid, and especially the trunk lip. You'll have to open the trunk to see any rust forming here. Have a look under the vehicle for signs of rust or leaky differentials, as well as leaky engine or transmission seals. A squealing or scraping noise from the front of the engine while idling could be caused by a belt-tensioner pulley that's starting to fail.

Verdict

Typically, Subaru drivetrains and powerplants are known to be very solid and reliable if properly maintained. If everything checks out, a well-maintained last-generation Legacy should prove an enjoyable and confidence-inspiring ride for years to come.

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Chevrolet turned 100 years old in 2011. If it were a human being, it would be plum worn out, and wearing its pants too high.

But it's an automaker, so turning 100 is just a milestone to ponder. And ponder we did, when Chevrolet recently invited us to a Detroit media event designed to showcase the brand's history and future.

Of course the brand's history is rooted in American soil. The first Chevrolet was built in 1911 in a rented garage near downtown Detroit. No one objected back in the 1970s, when GM ran a patriotic marketing campaign, with a jingle that sang about "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet."

The brand's future, however, will be written in places like China, Brazil, Korea, India, Russia, and Uzbekistan.

I am not even sure where Uzbekistan is, but they recently started to buy a lot of Chevys. Only four other countries in the world buy more Chevrolets than Uzbekistan — United States, Brazil, China, and Canada.

Like all car companies, General Motors knows that future sales growth will be easier to come by in the emerging markets, where people are suddenly able to afford new vehicles, and want them in the worst way. This is contrast to the U.S. and Europe, mature markets where consumers are already fully "vehicled."

Following its much publicized restructuring, GM shrunk to four brands: Cadillac, GMC, Buick, and Chevrolet. Of those, it decreed that Cadillac and Chevrolet would be the "global" brands. As such, Chevrolet, with its more broad-based appeal than Cadillac, will do the lion's share of GM's global agenda. But up until about 2005, every region of the world built and designed their own Chevys. For example, prior to the Cruze, Chevrolet had three different Chevrolets around the world with Cruze-like dimensions. Now there is just one, the Cruze. GM reckons it's better to have one great vehicle, than three average ones.

Another recent move to further global growth, is giving Chevrolet a uniform, clear and identifiable look, wherever it is sold around the world. In this way, Chevrolet vehicles will be more interchangeable between markets. A perfect example is the Chevrolet Orlando; it was conceived by GM's Korean division for Far East consumption, but GM Canada thought it would be a great fit for Canada, and now it's here.

Always a great fit for Canada is any car with 580 horsepower, like the Camaro LZ1.

The convertible version of the LZ1 will debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show next month, but GM allowed scribes attending the Centennial to view the new ragtop where it was created — right in the kitchen of GM Design, the coolest part of the sprawling GM Technical Center in Warren, Michigan.

It seems to wear its tight pants just right — proving that Chevrolet is entirely capable of its new dual mission; keeping traditional flames burning, and exploring new markets.

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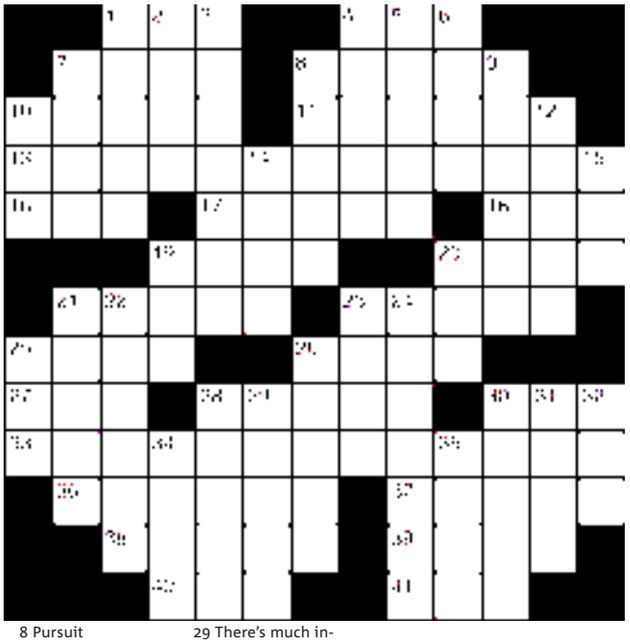

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1 Aries
4 English channel?
7 Wash
8 Shroud of concealment
10 Resided
11 "Yay!"
13 2004 Green Day album
16 Lair
17 Expenses
18 Old French coin
19 Lion's crowning glory
20 Encounter
21 Gets better
23 Tote
25 Frog's cousin
26 "Desire Under the —"
27 Ph. bk. data
28 Khartoum's country
30 "Wham!"
33 Unimpeachable information
36 100 per cent, as an effort
37 Dieter's lunch
38 Speaks unclearly
39 Pastoral piece
40 Pigs' home
41 Cleo's slayer

Down

1 "Nevermore" sayer
2 Assert
3 Doctor-related
4 Pulling no punches
5 Foe of Bullwinkle
6 Hallmark offering
7 Citrus fruit
8 Pursuit
9 Bygone German leader
10 Young fellow
12 Nonsense
14 Swindles
15 Boy king of Egypt
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20 "— Doubtfire"
21 Uproar
22 Atelier supports
23 Dressed
24 Memory loss
25 Stick with a kick
26 Tends texts
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32 Marry
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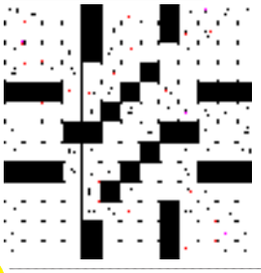
35 June honorees

▶ Yesterday's answer



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	9					7		
8	1	4						6
5				9	2			

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You need to patch things up with someone you have been having an on-off argument with for weeks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It's as if you're walking around with a force field that repels negative vibrations. Let positive people in.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may not be a typical tough guy, but you know how to get things done while others are panicking. Do it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Your powers of imagination are high at the moment, as is your sensitivity to other people's needs.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You'll charm your way out of a tough spot but it won't solve the issue that got you there in the first place.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you go out of your way to help someone in need today, he or she will do you a good deed in return.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You seem a lot more laid back these days. Venus moves through your birth sign, offering perspective.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will have to choose between making your own life more enjoyable or helping someone.

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OWN IT **$187**[†] BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT | WITH **0%** FINANCING FOR **60** MONTHS | AND **$0** DOWN PAYMENT | SONATA GL 6-SPEED. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED. | HIGHWAY **5.7**L/100 KM **50** MPG[▼]

Limited model shown

3 FUEL EFFICIENCY

2012 ACCENT

BEST-IN-CLASS FUEL ECONOMY[▫]

GLS model shown

OWN IT **$106**[†] BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT | WITH **2.9%** FINANCING FOR **72** MONTHS | AND **$0** DOWN PAYMENT | ACCENT L 5DR 6-SPEED. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED. | HIGHWAY **4.9**L/100 KM **58** MPG[▫]

4 UTILITY

2012 SANTA FE 2.4L GL AUTO

2011 BEST-SELLING IMPORT SUV IN CANADA[▽]

OWN IT **$218**[†] BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT | WITH **0%** FINANCING FOR **60** MONTHS | AND **$0** DOWN PAYMENT | SANTA FE 2.4L GL AUTO. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED. | HIGHWAY **7.2**L/100 KM **39** MPG[▼]

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5 VERSATILE

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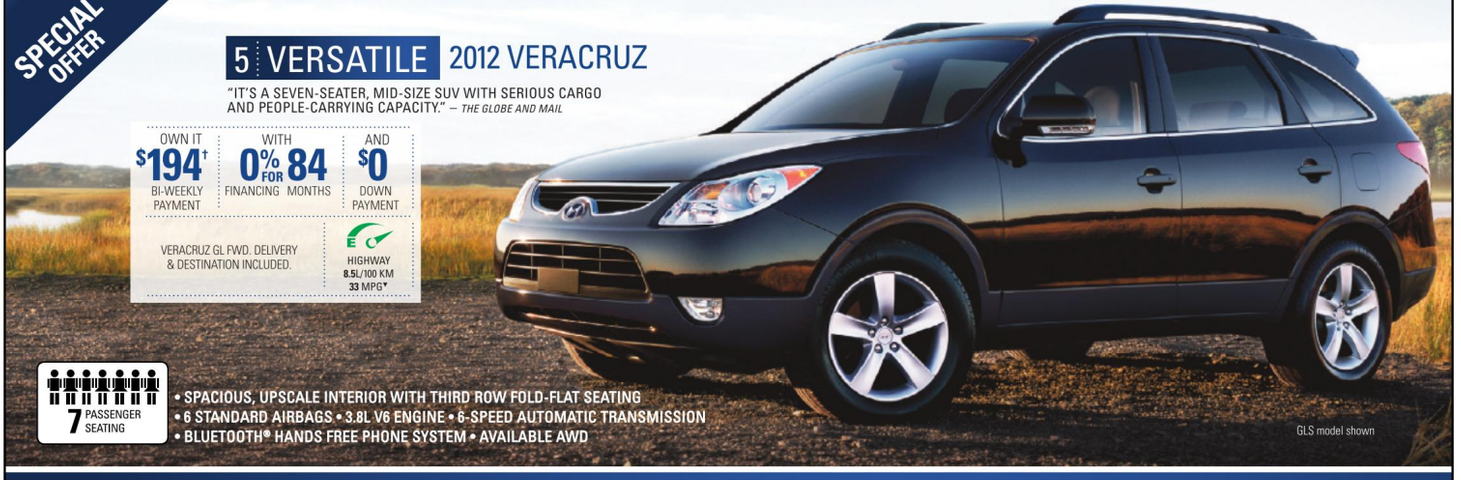
OWN IT **$194**[†] BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT | WITH **0%** FOR **84** FINANCING MONTHS | AND **$0** DOWN PAYMENT | VERACRUZ GL FWD. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED. | HIGHWAY **8.5**L/100 KM **33** MPG[▼]



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7 PASSENGER SEATING

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